

## MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

**November 17, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

County Clerk Tena O'Brien called the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court meeting to order and stated in the absence of the County Judge that it is necessary to select a chair person to preside over the tonight's meeting.

JP Allen made motion to select Chair JP Kurt Moore, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

JP Winscott made motion that nominations cease, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Deputy Clerk Janet Reaves called roll as follows:

12 JPs Present: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Hawkins, Jones,  
Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore

1 Absent: Carr

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pastor Roger Joslin of All Saint's Episcopal led the prayer.

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

None

### **MINUTES:**

JP Douglas made motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 Quorum Court meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:**

None

### **COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:**

In the absence of County Judge Bob Clinard the members of the Quorum Court reviewed the County Judges Report that had been presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

JP Allen stated that the next Finance/Budget Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, December 06, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

JP Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP King.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas:	King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins, Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore
1 absent:	Carr

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (A) Proposed Resolution Authorizing the County Judge of Benton County to Apply for a Grant on Behalf of the Rocky Branch Volunteer Fire Department; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas:	King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins, Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore
1 absent:	Carr

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2011-31.**

- (B) Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Property Tax Levy for Benton County General Fund and Benton County Road Fund for the Year 2011 to be Collected in the Year 2012; **Sponsor:** JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas:	King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins, Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore
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1 absent: Carr

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2011-32.**

- (C) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Levying 2011 Taxes for Collection in the Year 2012 for Benton County, and Each City, School District, and Special Tax Unit in Benton County, Arkansas; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins,  
Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore  
1 absent: Carr

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011- 50.**

- (D) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 30, Emergency Services, Fund 010; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

JP Allen recognized Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson to speak. Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson asked County Attorney George Spence if the proposed appropriation ordinance contained a professional service clause, or did he deem that it was necessary. County Attorney George Spence stated that they had talked about it but that the clause was never added to the proposed appropriation ordinance, and that it could be added.

County Attorney George Spence stated that the proposed appropriation ordinance to appropriate an additional \$30,000 for an analysis of the Emergency Medical Services in the Unincorporated areas of Benton County should be amended, and that ARTICLE 3 should be added to read "that the services provided under this ordinance shall be considered as professional service, meaning selection of the provider will be based upon evaluation of the qualifications of the provider as opposed to bidding, as provided by law."

JP Allen made motion to amend the proposed appropriation ordinance to include adding Article 3 as presented by County Attorney George Spence, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

JP Allen made motion to approve the amended appropriation ordinance, seconded by JP Jones. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins,  
Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore  
1 absent: Carr

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-51.**

- (E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies in Department 67, County Jail, Fund 010; Sponsor: JP. Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins,  
Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore  
1 absent: Carr

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-52.**

- (F) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 44, County Road, Fund 020; Sponsor: JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Allen made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Winscott.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins,  
Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore  
1 absent: Carr

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-53.**

- (G) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2010-56 (2011) Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Fund 440, Capital Projects, Department 35; Sponsor JP Tom Allen

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only. JP Allen stated that this appropriation request is to upgrade the security camera system in the new Juvenile Justice, and made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

12 yeas:	King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K Harrison, Hawkins, Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Moore
1 absent:	Carr

Appropriation Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2011-54.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JP Allen announced that the Finance/Budget Committee will meet Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. with the regular Finance Committee immediately following.

JP Douglas announced that the Legislative Committee will meet Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the court, upon motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien  
County Clerk